SHRI E. BALANANDAN: I have been given some other papers. Now the question is, whether you are paying rent to other public sector companies which are using these offices.

I would like to know whether the Government takes steps to see that valuable foreign exchange, which is being unnecessarily spent, is saved. Will the Government take immediate steps to close down at least the office of our sub-lessee so that whatever money we may get can be saved by the Government.

डा० अबरार अहमद : मैंने अभी जो यह स्टेटमेंट पढ़ा था उसमें बहुत स्पष्ट है कि हमने यह फर्स्ट जुलाई, 1991 को वैकेट कर दिया और 30 जून, 1991 तक का किराया दे दिया। इसके बाद यह एस.टी.सी. के पास है और एस.टी.सी. उसको दुबारा से रेंट पर उठाने का प्रयास कर रही है। लेकिन एस.टी.सी. के लिए सीधे सीधे में रिस्पांसिबल या जवाब देने के लिए उत्तरदायी नहीं हूं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Dipen Ghosh.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, I do not have anything.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Sir, I want to know from the Minister—the Finance Minister is also here—that in these days when India wants to attract foreign capital, it is more important that centres like India Investment Centre become very active. All other countries—I have been in South-East Asia—have got very strong offices in the Western countries which provide a lot of details about their respective countries. Whenever we go abroad, there is hardly any Indian presence. If you go to an Indian Embassy, they cannot give you any information and if at all they give some information, it is out of date. Will the Finance Minister consider strengthening of these offices by posting people whom I would like to call 'the Economic Ambassadors' in these Western capitals?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: They do not require any office in Washington.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Only a few seconds ase left.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): Mr. Chairman, hon. Member knows the circumstances in which the offices of India International Centres were closed. These offices were closed by th Government of which the honourable Member was a part... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Sir, this is not the reply. He has asked for foreign capital. We never asked for foreign capital... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMA: Question Hour is over. Now, Statement by Minister correcting answer to Question.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

New Electronic Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh

*101. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the cities and towns in Uttar Pradesh where new electronic exchanges are being set up currently;

(b) by when the work would be completed; and

(c) what is the number of applicants in Uttar Pradesh who have applied for a telephone connection till the end of the year 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The details of new telephone exchanges already set up being set up in the current year (1992-93) in Uttar Pradesh is given in the statement I attached (*See* below)

In addition, some old type of exchanges are being converted into electronic exchanges. The details of exchanges which have already been converted into electronic between 1.4.92 to 31.1.93 is given in the statement-II attached (*See* below)

The details of exchanges planned to be converted into electronic exchanges during February 1993 and March 1993 is given in the statement-III attached. [See below]

(c) 1,49,636 numbers were on waiting list for telephonesin Uttar Pradesh Circle till 31.12.92.

Statement—I

New Electronic Telephone Exchanges Already set up being set up in Uttar Pradesh in 1992-93

Sl. No.	Name of Station	
1.	Kashipur-II	Already set up Upto 31-1-93
2.	Vrindaban—II	
3.	Pipri	Do.
4.	Shivpur	Do.
5.	Bichhei	Do.
6.	Mainpuri-II	Do.
7.	Kotla	Do.
8.	Saharanpur-I	Do.
9.	Kiraweli	Do.
10.	Dewanganj	Do.
11.	Gaurikund	Do.
12.	Mubarakpur	Do.
13.	Etawah	Do.
14.	Ugu	Do.
15.	Prithviganj	Do.
16.	Khatauli	Do.
17.	Thaligain	Do.
18.	Bhagirathpuram	Do.
19.	Sumerpur	Do.
20.	Narwal	Do.
21.	Badla	Do.
22.	Mallupur	Do.
23.	Agra Local	Do.
24.	Robertsganj (II Exchange)	Do.
25.	Dhumakot	Do.
26.	Madhi	Do.
27.	Sitapur (II Exchange)	Do.
28.	Lakhimpur (II Exchange)	Do.
29.	Sirathu	Do.
30.	Padrauna	Do.
31.	Deoband	Do.
32.	Manjhanpur	Do.
33.	Sisauli	Do.
34.	Hara	Do.
35.	Etah	Do.
36.	Kasganj	Do.
37.	Bhanoli	Do.
38.	Barhauli	Do.
39.	Kadipur	Do.
40.	Panki	Do.
41.	Foundary Road	Do.
42.	Loni	Do.
43.	Dorapur	Do.
44.	Shoramu	Do.
45.	Madaria	Do.
46.	Mussoorie	likely by 31-3-93
47.	Farooqnagar	Do.
48.	Bijnore	Do.
49.	Baraut	Do.
50.	Phundpuri	Do.
51.	Garhi Pukhta	Do.

Statement—II

Telephone Exchanges Already Converted into Electronic Exchanges between 1-4-92 to 31-1-1993

Sl. No.	Name of Station
1.	Dalla
2.	Harchandpur
3.	Kailhat
4.	Noorpur
5.	Purua
6.	Ladpur
7.	Meerganj
8.	Morna
9.	Hasanpur Lohari
10.	Jangai
11.	Mukteshwar
12.	Bhitaura
13.	Devchara
14.	Hasanganj
15.	Murihan
16.	Raniganj
17.	Sangramgarh
18.	Ahnawara
19.	Bhorawal
20.	Narainpur
21.	Madhupur
22.	Chhapar
23.	Basera
24.	Behjani
25.	Kamalapur
26.	Mallawan
27.	Gwald oni
28.	Laxar
29.	Pokhari
30.	Nanti
31.	Narain Bazar
32.	Gaunali
33.	Phariha
34.	Chandpatti
35.	Sanjarpur
36.	Ramkola
37.	Sonaularam
38.	Bhatani
39.	Pathardeva
40.	Belasar
41.	Shivpur
42.	Sohratgarh
43.	Bhadaura
44.	Karimpur
45.	Padampuri
46.	Ram Raj
47.	Anjanisani
48.	Jakhni Dhar
49.	Kot
50.	Kanskhet
51.	Muzafferabad
52.	Chhutmalpur
53.	Ajhuwa
54.	Phalawda
55.	Agotha
56.	Mungrabadshahpur
57.	Titron
58.	Bighapur
59.	Kohdour
60.	Kalakankar
61.	Ratanpur
62.	Koirauna
63.	Sindhora

Sl. No.	Name of Station
64.	Babaganj
65.	Kaptanganj
66.	Sahkari Nagar
67.	Shamli
68.	Hardwar
69.	Khalilabad
70.	Rishikesh
71.	Faizabad
72.	Deoria
73.	Chairi Chaura
74.	Mawanai
75.	Haldwani
76.	Kotdwar
77.	Amroha
78.	Dhampur
79.	Mohammdabad
20.	Saidpur
81.	Bilaspur
82.	Shatiganj
83.	Khamaria

Statemen —III

Exchanges planned to be converted into Electronic in Uttar Pradesh during February 1993 & *March* 1993.

Sl. No.	Name of Station
1.	Deviganj
2.	Patranga
3.	Dullahpur
4.	Bhimapur
5.	Gamjauthi
6.	Kundesar
7.	Barsara
8.	Hansrajpur
9.	Nauhar
10.	Karri uddnmpur
11.	Jangirpur
12.	Mardah
13.	Baahdurganj
14.	Zamania
15.	Rajghat
16.	Madawa
17.	Ghati
18.	Barethi
19.	Manikpur
20.	Rajapur
21.	Pahrai
22.	Shivrampur
23.	Bhakhari
24.	Kartal
25.	Khapariha
26.	Chilla
27.	Sidhpur
28.	Sardhua
29.	Tikaitnagar
30.	Chhani
31.	Babina
32.	Baragaon
33.	Barwa Sagar
34.	Gursahai
35.	Todi Fatehpur
36.	Pariksha
37.	Rachha
38.	Madhogarh

Sl. No.	Name of Station
39.	Raipur
40.	Nadigaon
41.	Bajna
42.	Barsana
43.	Kosi
44.	Shahpaur
45.	Sahawar
46.	Dhamaur
47.	Bandhua Kalan
48.	Korwa (HAL)
49.	Gosainganj
50.	Bindaki
51.	Mandhata
52.	Masirabad
53.	Eela
54.	Phaphoond
55.	Mohammadabad
56.	Kishani
57.	Kaptanganj
58.	Maharajganj
59.	Mehnagar
60.	Nizamabad
61.	Sultanpur Panh
62.	Lar
63.	Mandishyamgarh
64.	Tamkuhi Raj
65.	Fazilnagar
66.	Pratappur
67.	Bindra Bazar
68.	Semri Jamalpur
69.	Gohana
70.	Barari
71.	Ganjahghat
72.	Thal
73.	Wadda
74.	Berinag
75.	Damia
76.	Bhikyasin
77.	Barachhina
78.	Someshwar
79.	Machhkhali
20.	Ganai
81.	Mayagaon
82.	Bhopa
83.	Tapewah
84.	Pandikeshwar
85.	Gardhari
86.	Pokhra
87.	Phirsul
88.	Akheswar
89.	Kishanpur
90.	Durgapuri
91.	Chhamyala
92.	Nadhuawal
93.	Gujrara
94.	Shahpur
95.	Miranpur
96.	Guptkashi
97.	Londora
98.	Bhagwanpur
99.	Narsan
100.	Nagal
101.	Chham
102.	Chinyali Saur
103.	Purola
104.	Syonsi

Sl. No.	Name of Station
105.	Tilwara
106.	Jakholi
107.	Mandal
108.	Agwanpur
109.	Shirkoti
110.	Kanth
111.	Delpatpur
112.	Pakbara
113.	Rasoolabad
114.	Maurawa
115.	Bara
116.	Bhadarsa
117.	Bakshari
118.	Khajurahat
119.	Maya
120.	Sarapur
121.	Newada
122.	Kachhauna
123.	Kolabui
124.	Michlaul
125.	Kotabagh
126.	Barabanki
127.	Nazibabad
128.	Bulandshahr
129.	Basti
130.	Kannauj
131.	Gonda
132.	Jwalapur
133.	Chandausi
134.	Rampur
135.	Dudhahi
136.	Bewar
137.	Imalia
138.	Cholas
139.	Thuthibari
140.	Agrora
141.	Bhagwan
142.	Dogadda

Chelliah Committee Report on Tax reforms

*105. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Raja Chelliah Committee on tax reforms has submitted its final report to Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by it and what is Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The final report of the Tax Reforms Committee has been received. Part-I deals with, and makes recommendations on, issues in five broad areas:

(i) Problems of direct taxes not considered in the Interim Report, namely, corporate profits tax including the taxation of foreign entities, problems relating to business taxation, the interest tax, taxation of agricultural income and the gift tax.

(ii) Further reform of the system of domestic indirect taxes, particularly at the Central level, more details regarding the extension of Modified Value Added Tax (MODVAT) and conversion of Modvat into Value Added Tax (VAT).

(iii) Improvements in procedures, including appellate procedures, removal of complicated provisions and provisions unduly weighted against the assessee: direct taxes—customs and excise.